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BY PROMINENT ENTERTAINER

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1. WELL-KNOWN MEXICAN ENTERTAINMENT PERSONALITY, IRMA
("LA TIGRESA") SERRANO ON JULY 18 MADE SENSATIONAL STATEMENTS
BEFORE MEXICAN PRESS ALLEGING KNOWLEDGE OF PROMINENT PERSONS
INVOLVED IN THE RECENT 160 KILO COCAINE CASE. THESE ALLEGATIONS
WERE APPARENTLY MADE IN RESPONSE TO EARLIER REPORTS THAT LA
TIGRESA HAD BEEN A CLOSE FRIEND OF GANG LEADER SICILIA FALCON.
ON JULY 21 THE ATTORNEY GENERAL WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS ABOUT
MISS SERRANO'S ALLEGATIONS. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF
THE NOVEDADES ARTICLE REPORTING HIS REPLY:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "OJEDA PAULLADA WILL ASK HER TO TESTIFY"
"THERE ARE POLICE CHIEFS INVOLVED IN THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC:
LA TIGRESA." BY RAUL SANCHEZ CARRILLO.

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UPON BEING INFORMED OF THE DECLARATIONS OF IRMA SERRANO,

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL EXCLAIMED YESTERDAY: "SHE SAID THIS?"

SEVERAL REPORTERS HAD INFORMED HIM THAT LA TIGRESA DECLARED FRIDAY NIGHT THAT SHE KNOW THE NAMES OF POLICE CHIEFS, JOURNALISTS, AND WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES WHO "PROTECT THE DRUG CONTRABAND, AND ONLY WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WILL I GIVE NAMES AND DETAILS."

PROMPTLY LIC. PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, REPLIED: "WELL, IF THE SENORA KNOWS SOMETHING, WE'LL INVITE HER TO MAKE A DECLARATION, BECAUSE IT IS VERY CURIOUS THAT SHE HAS MENTIONED KNOWING NAMES WHICH SHE REFUSES TO GIVE. NOW, IN THIS CASE, THE WITNESSES OF THIS DECLARATION ARE YOURSELVES, THE REPORTERS, AND IT IS VERY DELICATE BECAUSE IF SHE KNOWS SOMETHING, SHE MUST COOPERATE WITH THE POLICE."

"AND IF SHE DOESN'T AGREE TO COOPERATE."

"IF SHE DOES NOT AGREE TO COOPERATE THEN WE WILL PRESENT THIS PROBLEM TO THE POLICE."

OJEDA PAULLADA WAS INTERVIEWED IN THE HALL OF AGREEMENTS OF THE OFFICES OF THE SECRETARIAT OF THE TREASURY, UPON THE TERMINATION OF THE CEREMONY HONORING THE MEMORY OF BENITO JUAREZ.

LIC. OJEDA PAULLADA STATED THAT UPON RETURNING TO HIS OFFICE HE WOULD REVIEW IN DETAIL THE DECLARATIONS OF LA TIGRESA, IRMA SERRANO.

AT THE SAME TIME, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE DECLARATION OF IRMA SERRANO ALLEGING THAT UPON THE ARREST OF ALBERTO SICILIA FALCON, THE POLICE AGENTS IN CHARGE HAD ASKED HIM AND OTHER PEOPLE IMPLICATED IN THE AFFAIR FOR THE QUANTITY OF TWO MILLION PESOS, TO WHICH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPLIED THAT "I SHALL SEE WHAT SHE SAYS AND WHY SHE SAYS IT."

"AND IF HER DECLARATIONS TURN OUT TO BE TRUE, WHAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN?"

"THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE RESULT: IF THERE ARE PROOFS THAT A CRIME WAS COMMITTED, THE MATTER WILL SIMPLY BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE AND THAT IS THAT."

IN AN EARLIER PART OF THE INTERVIEW, OJEDA PAULLADA DENIED THAT THERE ARE FOREIGN POLICE AGENTS WORKING IN

MEXICO AND EXPLAINED AT THE SAME TIME THAT OF COURSE THERE
HAVE BEEN (COOPERATIVE) RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NORTH
AMERICAN AND MEXICAN POLICE AND THAT IT WAS THROUGH THESE
COOPERATIVE RELATIONS THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS LEADING TO
THE CAPTURE OF THE NARCOTICS BAND IN THE FIESTA PALACE
AFFAIR (WERE CARRIED FORWARD); AND THESE JOINT CONSULTATIONS
HAVE EVEN INDICATED IN WHICH US CITIES THE NARCOTICS
TRAFFICKERS WERE OPERATING. END TEXT.
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